### Indian Chieftain.

VINITA, IND. TER., FEB. 28, 1889. still an enigma. The impression way, let it offer something like a was, early in the week, that its de- fair value for Indian lands. This feat was certain and that impres- will be some redemption, if such is sion still prevails, generally, among possible, for its oppressive policy our people, though the danger of of pricing Indian lands, and comits becoming a law seemed to pelling them to take what is offerhave increased a trifle as the time ed or nothing at all.

LATER .- The Kansas City Times of the 27th, practically acknowledges the defeat of the bill.

Tax Creeks, having been paid 30 cents per acre on the western chairman and gentlemen of the half of their domain, under the committee: The Cherokees have treaty of 1866, will only get 95 become somewhat alarmed. We have allowed to see it presented. cents more on the acre, and per-haps a good deal less, after the part to extend your territorial H. Ross and R. M. Wolf, Cherokee

the logic of events by not following sent. and Seminoles." He talks like country in any case without the consent of the Cherokees. It and not a disinterested party.

CORGHESSMAN PERKINS, of Kan-Peel, of Arkanses, as chairman of the committee on Indian affairs. He has lived for years within a dozen miles of our border (at Oswego) which fact, in connection with his past service upon that committee, emineutly qualifies him for the chairmanship. Congressman Ryan for that a good show for the chairmanship of the committee on pensions and Congressman Ryan for that of the appropriations computed a proposing to very much without that is a surprise to our that it is an extent per arce. It will thus be seen that the want to buy our territory, or want to do anything with it, we ought it. We have a surprise to the preparate for the earlier treet of a surprise to our that the surprise to deal that the surprise to the preparation of the surprise to the preparation of the surprise to center per arce. It will thus be seen that the want to do anything with it, we ought it to do anything with it, we ought it. We have as a surprise to center per arce. It will thus be seen that the surprise to center per arce. It will thus be seen that the surprise to center per arce. It will thus be seen that the surprise to center per arce. It will thus be seen that the surprise to center per arce. It will thus be seen that the surprise to center per arce. It will thus be seen that the surprise to center per arce. It will thus be seen that the surprise to center per arce. It will th sions and Congressman Ryan for proposing to to very much without Arapat the the that of the appropriations com- your consent finally. mittee, at present held by Mr. Randall.

edged that Springer is an improve-ment on the slab-sided Puritan of without our consent. You want colonial days, who thought the In- to place us inside of a territorial dians well paid for the loss of their lands by having the gospel preach if there is any price to be fixed on our land we must fix it. It is ours, sation. An Indian who had been the same as your land is yours. everlasting hunting grounds where is to this outlet? dian of to-day is not a whit behind his white brother in such ernment has never come to you May 20, matters and knows that his lands through any agent and asked you are worth more than a dollar and a quarter per acre.

ANY EXCUSE BETTER THAN NONE. upon the rights of the Cherokees talk between you or between the in the lands of the outlet, not only theirs by a just cause of ownership, but by the evidence of
such a title, various excuses are
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deeds. It seems to me you people respect the rights of others, only we want to have done about it. as far as they are restrained by point you present, is it? law, to set aside, by false represendernces to the grab game propos-place your territorial lines over us.

Besides that, we object to the price. ed by Springer's Oklahoma bill Besides that we boject to the quishment by patent to the Chero- about the price; we have been ofkees, without any distinction, of fered \$3 an acre for them. all the country claimed by them, have but little or no weight, Even in the matter of compensation for lands, the sense of justice long I should like to hear it read. known among our people. The chairman. They close up with the money? \$1.25 per acre. The title by which that you have a right to sell the the letter by saying: "If the United a citizen of any state holds his homestead, or by which some railroad magnate or landed proposes. We would not sell it to any prietor holds his five or ten or prieto twenty thousand agree, is no better or more sacred in law than do not want to do that, and we That letter was dated in 1882.

Mr. Mayes. I say there was ter or more sacred in law than that by which the Cherokees claim have no right to sell, of what use any authority there must be some. We are also building a colored ownership of the strip lands. To is an offer? all character of owners the same land is worth. maine authority, the government of the United States. If to the railNov. 28, 1888;

The chairman. The paper is not the United States were under treated by obligations not to extend any do you mean? the United States. If to the railroad magnate or the landed proprietor lands are worth more than
the government price of \$1.25 per
agree, why not to the Cherokeen?

Senator Cullom. Did you lease

The chairman. This \$200,000 is acro, why not to the Cherokees? the land actually for \$200,000. Is it because they are Indians and not whates why they should not graze cattle there for \$200,000 a the government did settle friendly nue-\$200,000-and if you should get the full value of their lands, year. even if they are willing or are ting \$200,000 a year now?

We would have to stop our schools.

We are getting \$200,000 for the The chairman. The Cheyennes We have got to do something the lands of the outlet? Can any one be found so dishonest in opinion, who is not a born idiet, who will admit that his land, if he has any, is not worth more than a dollar and a quarto, an agre, when do you understand you are to get your pay wanted by other 1. Would it not be made to be to be the bight of the be paid? Even of it and may never get the other of the be paid? Even of it and may never get the other that this be paid? The chairman. You get nothing to do with it. We do not want to sell you that land, now, I can tell you that. The treaty of 1865 provided that we should enter into an agreement. The government has nothing to do with it. The bargain. One man agreement. The government has nothing to do with it. We do not want to sell you that land, now, I can tell you that. The chairman. Suppose we want to be that. The treaty of 1865 provided that we should enter into an agreement. The government has nothing to do with it. We do not want to sell you that land, now, I can tell you that. The treaty of 1865 provided that we should enter into an agreement. The government has nothing to do with it. We do not want to sell you that land, now, I can tell you that. The treaty of 1865 provided that we should enter into an agreement. The government has nothing to do with it. We do not want to sell you that land, now, I can tell you that.

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of events, ""manifest duty" and other old hackneyed expressions, will never eause the Cherokees to will never eause the Cherokees to The chairman. You would not the manage to get there? Did the government put them there?

Watts, advising him that you had not been informed of any decision.

We would be more beneficial to you to with a copy of letter of the 7th have it kept as pasture, do you? Just to have you let it alone; to keep your hands off of it. Two Institute Characters for Surrender any part of their lands surrender any part of their lands get anything for that, where it is Editor. treaty stipulation.

The fate of the Oklahoma bill is in an honest and Christian like

ON THE OKLAHOMA BILL. Chief Mayes Gvien a Hearing by

the Senate Committee. Mr. Mayes. If it please the

government of the United States jurisdiction over any portion of delegates, and by Mr. Phillips as charges up all the expenses of the our country. A The country that special agent, in which it is stated Some fellow, a man of more functions than brains, tries to claim the right to use it the same gate of a little more than \$5,000,make it appear that the Creeks "have chosen the better part," and condemns the Cherokees for against the extension of your what he in his data what he in his data was any other people claim the right 000. That letter I will read: to use what belongs to them. We arrestly and honestly protest against the extension of your was desired to their people claim the right out. Was instructed in the right of the considerable imperiors and the considerable imperiors and the considerable imperiors are considerable imperiors. what he, in his righteous judg- territorial lines over that country. ment, terms a "corrupt alliance" We refer you to the treaties in with a cattle syndicate, and for not to extend your territowhich you have solemnly agreed their obstinate refusal to accept rial rights over us without our con-You have agreed not to the good example of the Creeks extend territorial lines over our

one who has a finger in the pie seems to me, before you take any action in this matter, that you should consult us at least with regard to it. We have never been sas, will probably succeed Mr. consulted; it is a surprise to our

Mr. Mayes. But you put us in a place where we do not want to be. We claim that the territory belongs IT can be truthfully acknowl- to us, and we claim that you have government and you want to fix a price on our land. We claim that

The chairman. Has there ever piously taught the vast acroage of been any negotiations between the Abraham's bosom, ought to have government and you for the extinbeen satisfied with the prospect of guishment of the title, whatever it

Mr. Mayes. No, sir; only the The chairman. That is, the gov-

what you would do? No, sir; they never have; by the treaty of 1868 we agreed to sell

friendly Indians a portion of our territory.
The chairman. I understand Since at every point of attack that; but there has never been any

being hatched by demagogues, ought to treat us with some respect and those who are compelled to and come down and ask us what

Senator Cullom. That is the only

We also make the point that you sold we want something to say Senator Cullom. By whom?

Senaton Cullom. If it is not too of such a demand generally made Yes, sin

The chairman. You get nothing and such an idio as to believe that they do not know their value, and that the offer of only about one-fourth of their common value would defeat a proposition to buy?

All the dispuraging comments sixth section of this set there is a provision that every 16th and 36th many of the press, and quotations of the innevitable and quotations of the innevitable and the inner the ball have to give up.

The chairman. Then the Common and the inner the i

ed the money?

ever did he had no authority to The chairman. You do not know about a claim made by the Chero. lease in existence.

kee people for that money?
I understood that there was claim made by some Cherokee delegates for the balance of the money, but if there was they had no authority to make the claim.

The chairman. I wanted to call rour attention to that matter. If they had any authority they

Washisotok, D. C., Jan. H. 182.
Hox. S. J. Kinkwoob, Secretary of the line
flor-fin: In compliance with our instruction
we desire to bring before you a matter o
considerable importance, calling for early ac

W. A. Puntares, special agent.

W. A. Puntares, special agent. but could never get a copy, and I there by your consent? can now say no such authority or Yes sir. I believe I have the proposition power was ever given our delegates

Senator Stewart. Then, if you authority for that and if there was the building alone was \$63,000. thing on record to show it.

The chairman, Is it or is it not an income to your government? No sir; we made a contract to true that since the treaty of 1866 Yes, sir. It is a national reve-Indians on almost all of this out- cut us off from that we would suf-

for a song, except in compliance to treaty stipulation.

If the government of the United States wishes to get rid of some of its enormous surplus of treasure its enormous surplus of treasure its enormous surplus of treasure.

Mr. Mayas. It would go to educate somebody else, not Indians. The chairman. This land was appraised at 47 cents, was it not?

Yes; without authority.

The day of their lands sold for school purposes.

Mr. Mayas. It would go to educate somebody else, not Indians. There and the government would go now get, is it not?

We may get more. We are Blair sold his house and home at reason or another. There never willing to risk all those things if Muldrow on the 4th instant; that you just let us alone.

Yes; without authority.

The chairman Have you claims.

Comanches at that time any more keep this place without government get the \$200,000. That is all you property at Muldrow. In this let-would go now get, is it not?

We may get more. We are willing to risk all those things if Muldrow on the 4th instant; that you just let us alone.

Yes; without authority.

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Comanches at the government get the \$200,000. That is all you property at Muldrow on the school purpose. than you would. We derive from ment. I have not done so; if anybody this land a revenue of \$200,000 a Well, we have a government possess him on Monday, the 11th

cattlemen who occupy the lands? nave been using that money.

Senator Cullom. You have made contract, have you not? deal already, and there is no con-In 1882 a letter tract in existence. Senator Davis. When and where

> was that agreement made? At the capitol of the Cherokee | We will talk to you about it.

to some understanding, have you vor of it mysell.

Senator Davis. Who is that unerstanding with? The Cherokee Live Stock asso-

ou \$200,000 a year?

Senator Davis. At what inter-vals or in what installments? One hundred thousand dollars every six months; they pay us in

agent or person representing the get their money immediately. apitalists with whom you had the nderstanding? A man named Blair paid me the

Senator Stewart. Is he the only man you saw?

No: I saw several men. Senator Davis. With what man did you come to an understanding; what man on behalf of the Chero-

kee Lave Stock association? law authorizing me to make a con- fair. tract. There are a good many There are nine or ten you can get \$3 an acre for it, or \$5 men in it. directors. There are 104 pastures, an acre, you should be allowed to all fenced in

Senator Davis. You came to that understanding by authority of | any rate. the act of council?

Yes, sir; this act of council aufenced in; who tenced it? The cattle association fenced it:

when we first had the land we used to collect the tax; we used to have the transurer go there and collect the tax. Finally it got so that we could not get our money; we would Ind. Ter. Sin:—Referring to collect it sometimes and sometimes office telegram of January 28 and that association says: "Now recting you in accordance with de we will take the land and pay you for it in advance; we will pay you 24, 1889, to permit all persons for it six months in advance so admitted to Cherokee citizenship much, and you will have no troub. by the chief justice under act of le in collecting the money.'

Yes, it is paid into the treasury general purposes; we have expendbuild a female seminary.

you have been talking with, a gen- transmitting a communication of tleman who lives up near Cedar the 9th instant from S. M. Watts, Vale, in Kansas?

the Yes; he is in the organization, ted we I think. There are a great many men who belong to that organization. They claim that there are a hundred persons that own the pastures that live on it. We have rented the pastures to them.

The chairman. How long has there been cattle on them? For twenty years right along. Under the old arrangement we could collect the money part of the

Senator Cullom. You rent them Yes, sir.

The chairman. What do you do We use it for school purposes

hat letter was dated in 1882. pose, \$100,000 when finished and Mr. Mayes. I say there was no all complete. The contract for nation. Soliciting your patronage, we are, yours truly, high school. Well, it goes to show what the | Sanator Gray. Did I understand let for 10,000 and it will take \$10,-Senator Cullom. \$10,000 more

No, sir.

The chairman. The Cheyennes We have got to do something and Arapahoes?

We would have so support to something about it. We do not want to sell about it.

year; it is what you would call an over it. We can manage that instant. It is inferred from the internal revenue. The land is not part of it easily enough. I think leased; there is no contract for a lease in existence.

We can manage that instant. It is inferred from the copy of your letter submitted by Mr. Watte that you had not release in existence.

will violate one of the sacred ob-

part of the country. Senator Butler. should conclude to send a commit-We have not made any contract tee there to the Cherokee country, at all; they have paid us a good do you think we could have a con-

to have you come out and see us. passed authorizing me to make an let them all talk to you. There agreement with them. I have not may be some of them that will senator Davis. You have come \$1.25 an acre, but I am not in fa-

> but you will not sell ? Well, we might, but we want to

talk to you about it. We do not want you to fix a territorial government over it and fix the price of of sympathy with the policy of this Senator Davis. They were to pay the land witnout asking us some- department, in dealing with these

United States and they have sold | ion, and my telegram above retheir lands, the arrangement is to ferred to was based upon that Senator Stawart. Who is the be ratified, and they are going to opinion, and instructions of the

Mr. Mayes. Yes. The chairman. Suppose you were to do the same thing? We cannot do that.

The chairman. But suppose the amount you should get than you are now getting in rent for the

Well, go and ask our people. I cannot do it at all, under any The national council passed a circumstances. I think that is Senator Butler. I think so.

> got it. We want a chance to lo so, at

THE WATTS ET. AL. CASES. thorized me to make the contract.
Senator Stewart. You may it is

A Pointed Letter to Agent Owen on the Same.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 13,1889. R. L. OWEN, Esq., U. S. INDIAN They formed an association and letter of the 4th instant, di partment instructions of January the Cherokee council of 1870 to Senator Butler. This is paid in remain in that nation and to proto your treasury, as I understand? tect all such in the possession of and is used for school purposes and have been deprived of their improvements, to place them in and build a female seminary.

keep them in possession thereof.

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them there and the government get the \$200,000. That is all you property at Muldrow. In the case affecting their property at Muldrow. In the case affecting their property at Muldrow. of the sheriff and his court to dis Senator Cullom. You have some ligations of your government, ultimo at the time your letter was sort of an arrangement with the You certainly will. You will cre- written or that you had miscon-Yes, we collect a tax there and have done so for twenty years, and revenue that we get from that formed to the end that steps may be taken to ascertain the reason o the delay on the part of the telegraph company in the transmission and delivery of the mes ference with your people in order sage. If, on the other hand the to talk about this matter? message had been received by you O, yes; we would be very glad I am at a loss to understand your There and Watts family were admitted to citizenship by the chief justice and will under the act of 1870. It was want to sell the land to you for your duty on receipt of the telegram to make its contents known. not only to the Cherokee authori-Senator Davis. You will talk, ties, but by such means as were at your command, to all persons coming within there provisions and your action in this matter, if the facts as they appear indicate a lack thing about it.
Senator Butler. I think that your duty as an officer of the gov-The chairman. The Creeks case are the ones upon which the have made a bargain with the attorney general rendered his epin-The chairman. But suppose as to when such improvements you were to get more interest from the amount you should get than place S. M. Watts, W. J. Watts,

secretary of the interior. The instructions given apply to all improvements made by persons admitted by the chief justice under the act of 1870, without reference Mrs. Boyett and all others coming within the scope of the opinion of the attorney general in possession of all property and improvements heretofore taken from them by he Cherokee authorities and protect them in possession and onjoy ment thereof. If you are unable to carry out their instructions, and those heretofore given with the force at your command, you will promptly report the facts to this office, giving special reasons for your inability to do so, in order that other means may be adopted to bring about the desired and,

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